(3) आतंकवाद और कट्टरवादिता को बढ़ावा देने के उद्देश्य से विदेशी भाड़े के सैनिकों की घुसपैठ घाटी में कराई जा रही है।

(4) एक उद्देश्य यह भी है कि राज्य में स्थिति को सांप्रदायिक रंग दिया जाय और इसकी सांप्रदायिक प्रतिक्रिया हो।

(ख) इन घुसपैठियों और संबंधित घुसपैठियों के समूहों से बरामद किये गये हथियारों में एक यू.एम.जी., ए.के. सीरीज की 46 राइफलें, 5 हथगोले, 2 प्लास्टिक बम, 3 स्नाइपर राइफलें, एक राकेट लांचर, 7 पिस्तौलें और पिस्तौल के 23 राउंड और 2 वाकी-टाकी सैट भी बरामद किये गये हैं जिनमें से अधिकांश विदेश में निर्मित हैं।

Threat posed by Ethnicity and Religion to Democracy

*93. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the Summit meeting Commonwealth Heads of Government held in Cyprus during October 21 to 25, 1993 serious concern was expressed at the threat being posed by ethnicity and religion to democracy;

(b) if so, what were the main observations/decisions taken in this regard at CHOGM Summit, indicating the precise stand taken by India thereon; and

(c) what other issues were discussed at the Summit and decisions taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) In the Cyprus Communique, Commonwealth leaders expressed concern at the continuing trends of ethnic chauvipism, xenophobia, racism and other related forms of intolerance which posed threats to peace and communal harmony.

(b) The Indian delegation drew attention to the threat posed to democracy and human rights by extremist violence and terrorism. At India's behest, the Communique contains a stand-alone paragraph reaffirming strong condemnation of terrorism as a threat to stability and human rights, and reiterating the determination of Commonwealth leaders to combat terrorism.

(c) Other issues discussed at the Commonwealth Summit included global political and economic developments since the Harare Summit developments in South Africa, issues related to GATT/Uruguay Round and Commonwealth Functional Cooperation. Commonwealth leaders decided to constitute a Ministerial Mission to mobilise support for a comprehensive, equitable and balanced conclusion of the Uruguay Round by 15 December, 1993.

Declaring of Kuth as an agricultural Produce

*94. SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kuth (Saussurea Lappa) is an agricultural produce in Himachal Pradesh and the Government of India continues to consider it as an endangered forest species and are harassing the farmers by levying export-permit fee etc; and

(b) whether Government propose to stop treating Kuth as a forest items and declare it as an agricultural produce?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Kuth (Saussurea Lappa) is cultivated in Himachal Pradesh on private lands. However, it is